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MONTANA PBS PROGRAM FEATURES 2008 POLITICAL CANDIDATES

MISSOULA —

In a political season marked by promises of change, “Montana Journal: The Unlikely Candidates” profiles six candidates who offer an alternative to mainstream politics.

The program, produced by University of Montana School of Journalism students, will be broadcast at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, on Montana PBS -- KUFM-TV in Missoula and KUSM-TV in **Bozeman**. It will repeat at 9:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3.

The show features Montana candidates who face long odds to win one of the 2008 statewide offices, but they all agree it is important that they run. Each of the candidates speaks to the question of what they bring to the process.

Two featured candidates inside the major parties -- Republican Bob Kelleher of **Butte**, who is running for U.S. Senate, and Democrat John Driscoll of **Helena**, running for U.S. Representative -- each use unusual campaign strategies.

The program also profiles Libertarian candidates Mike Fellows, Stan Jones and Donald Eisenmenger, as well as Constitution Party candidate Sieglinde Sharbono.

The “Montana Journal” series is now in its 11th year. The series is produced by senior-level students in the UM journalism school’s Department of Radio/Television. John

Twiggs, radio-television adjunct instructor and Montana PBS producer, teaches the class and oversees the student production.

Montana PBS is a service of UM and Montana State University-Bozeman. More information about the service is online at <http://www.montanapbs.org>.

Information about UM's radio-television department is online at <http://www.umt.edu/rtv>.

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